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1. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF KRSKO TO THE GOY AND THE HIGH
LEVEL AT WHICH IT IS BEING DISCUSSED WAS BROUGHT HOME TO ME
SHARPLY TODAY (APR 12) DURING A CALL I PAID ON
FEDERAL ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT KIRO GLIGOROV. I HAD PRESENTED
AN INVITATION FOR GLIGOROV AND A YUGOSLAV PARLIAMENTARY
DELEGATION TO VISIT THE US (SEPTTEL) AND WE BEGAN A
GENERAL DISCUSSION OF US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS. HE THEN
RAISED KRSKO, WHICH HE TERMED TO BE "NOT IN HARMONY WITH
OUR GOOD ECONOMIC RELATIONS". HE SAID THE GOY ENTERED
INTO KRSKO WITH AN AMERICAN FIRM THROUGH A DESIRE TO
COOPERATE WITH THE US. THIS HAS PROVEN COSTLY.
GLIGOROV USED ALL OF THE MAJOR POINTS MENTIONED BY
BERNARDIC, AND HE KNEW EXACTLY WHAT THE STATE OF PLAY
WAS.

2. I ANSWERED GLIGOROV ALONGLINES FAMILIAR TO
DEPARTMENT. I POINTED TO FACT THAT US POSITION A
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PRINCIPLED ONE, BASED ON WORLD-WIDE EFFORT TO ENSURE
STRICTER CONTROLS OVER REACTORS CAPABLE OF PRODUCING
WEAPONS-GRADE MATERIAL. I ALLUDED TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S
OWN DEEP PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO NON-PROLIFERATION AND
INDICATED THAT IT WAS WITHIN THAT CONTEXT THAT KRSKO
NEEDED TO BE RESOLVED. WHILE WE UNDERSTOOD YUGOSLAV
POSITION, SOLUTION WOULD ONLY BE FOUND IN A BRIDGE

BETWEEN PRINCIPLED POSITION TAKEN BY YUGOSLAVIA AND
EQUALLY PRINCIPLED STAND TAKEN BY US.

3. GLIGOROV SAID, USING ALMOST IDENTICAL LANGUAGE
TO THAT EMPLOYED BY BERNARDIC, THAT SOLUTION TO PROBLEM
MUST BE WITHIN CONTEXT OF EXISTING YUGOSLAV COMMITMENTS;
GOY NOT WILLING TO GO BEYOND THESE. HE WAS SURE THAT
PROBLEM WOULD BE OVERCOME AS WERE PROBLEMS IN PAST,
BUT GREATER EFFORTS NEEDED TO RESOLVE IT QUICKLY.

4. IT COULD NOT BE CLEARER JUST HOW IMPORTANT TO THE GOY
IS A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE KRSKO IMPASSE WITHOUT
ANY TAIN OF A DIMINUTION OF YUGOSLAV SOVEREIGNTY.
NOR WILL IT BE HELPFUL TO US IF THERE IS NO MOVEMENT
SOON. THEREFORE IN A SEPARATE MESSAGE I AM PROPOSING SOME COURSES
OF ACTION FOR CONSIDERATION. YORK

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